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SUBJ: MEXICAN VIEWS ON OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. EMBOFF'S DISCUSSED TODAY WITH SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, THE RECENT LIMA MEETING OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND REQUESTED HIS ASSESSMENT OF THAT MEETING AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

2. GONZALEZ GALVEZ VOLUNTEERED THAT HE THOUGHT U.S. POSTURE AND PERFORMANCE AT LIMA WELL REASONED AND CORRECT. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF COMMENT ON DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER EXCESSIVE EMPHASIS AT LIMA ON DIFFERENCES AND DISPUTES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA, GONZALEZ GALVEZ EXPRESSED SOME DISAGREEMENT. HE DID NOT BELIEVE LIMA ATMOSPHERICS WERE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE INTENTIONS OR INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICAN AS A WHOLE, NOR A CLEAR PROJECTION OF THE COURSE FUTURE MEETINGS WERE LIKELY TO TAKE. HE VIEWED THE EXTREME APPROACHES TAKEN BY SOME DELEGATES AT LIMA AS PRELIMINARY RHETORIC AND STAGE-SETTING

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RATHER THAN A LIKELY PREVIEW OF THE REAL POSITIONS OF EVEN

THOSE DELEGATES IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NATURE OF THE REAL WORLD INEVITABLY PLACES THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA IN OPPOSING POSITIONS IN SOME AREAS BUT NOT ALL. HE HEARTILY AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS BASED ON COMMON U.S.- LATIN AMERICAN INTERESTS.

3. GONZALEZ GALVEZ CONSIDERED BASIC AND MOST URGENT PROBLEM IN UPDATING AND REFORMING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. HE COMMENTED IN PASSING ON THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING AND MAINTAINING CECLA AS A COORDINATING VEHICLE FOR LATIN AMERICA IN DEALING WITH THE U.S. HE EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT HE COULD LIVE WITH THE PRESENT POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IF PROGRESS WERE MADE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA.

4. IN FURTHER REFERENCE TO THE LIMA MEETING, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHILEAN POSITION, FOR ONE, MIGHT BE CLEARLY DIFFERENT IN THE NEXT SESSION. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

5. IN SUM, GONZALEZ GALVEZ WAS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE NEXT SPECIAL COMMITTEE SESSIONS IN TERMS OF A MORE MODERATE, REALISTIC AND POSITIVE APPROACH.

6. GONZALEZ GALVEZ SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA WHO, HE SAID, WAS FULLY INFORMED AND INSTRUCTED ON THE POSITION OF THE GOM.

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